

REMARKS

Non-elected claims 1 and 19-25 have been withdrawn in favor of Group II (claims 2-18 and 26) and claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended.

With respect to the election of one antisense sequence from claims 6, 7, 17 and 18 now depending from claim 2 Applicants elect the sequence of SEQ ID No. 3.

With respect to the election of a single disclosed species for prosecution of claims 9-11 now depending from claim 2 Applicants elect radical V1 of claim 9.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by the paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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